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FOR USDEL TO HRC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNHRC, SHUM

SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION -- ITEM 7

REF: GENEVA 2370

1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS REQUESTED REFTEL
FOR POSSIBLE USE BY USDEL IN SPEECH ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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